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Peaceful Resolution to Hoonah Standoff

(HOONAH, Alaska)— The standoff with the barricaded suspect John Marvin Jr. has been resolved with no further loss of life. Marvin was taken into custody shortly after 9:30 this morning. Marvin is the sole defendant believed to be responsible for the shooting of Sergeant Anthony Wallace and Officer Matthew Tokuoka of the Hoonah Police Department. He is charged with two counts of Murder in the First Degree.

The intense standoff began late Saturday night following the ambush. Both Officers ultimately succumbed to their injuries. The Alaska State Troopers and the Alaska Wildlife Troopers, along with a Forest Service Officer and the Juneau Police Department's Tactical Unit, immediately responded to the incident. Following the incident, Marvin barricaded himself inside his residence. The Alaska State Troopers deployed its Special Emergency Reaction Team (SERT), Crisis Negotiation Team and members of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation to assist with ongoing efforts. The U.S. Coast Guard had its Cutter Liberty enforcing a 1500-yard safety zone to ensure the safety of officers and troopers on scene. The standoff ended after Marvin exited the residence in response to efforts by SERT.

"We are thankful this incident resolved without further loss of life or injury," said Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety Joe Masters. "Now that this incident has resolved, the community of Hoonah can hopefully start the healing process. We will further be supporting the community by providing grief and stress services to help the people affected cope with the tragedy. Two AST chaplains are already headed to the community to begin those efforts."

DPS would like to provide a sincere thank you to all the agencies that have provided or offered support, resources and manpower to this incident. The U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Juneau Police Department, Anchorage Police Department, Sitka Police Department, Hoonah Police Department and Wrangell Police Department all played a role in this incident.

"During the course of this incident a generous and overwhelming amount of support for came in from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies," said Director of Alaska State Troopers Col. Audie Holloway. "The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have offered its support and condolences as well."

Planning for a memorial service for the fallen officers is underway.